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## DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY & HEALTH

### Office of Health Services

To: All Recreational Bathing Facilities, Pool Operators, and/or Management Companies

Date: 5/5/2020

Re: Pool/Spa Openings 2020

We wanted to take the time to provide you with the following updates regarding Pool & Spa openings for the summer. At the current time under the Executive Orders of the Governor of New Jersey all recreational bathing facilities will not be permitted to open. We will however provide the following guidelines for all facilities under the jurisdiction of Middlesex County Office of Health Services for a possible anticipated start of this pool season.

1. Pools and Spas shall not be permitted to open until the Governor's Executive Orders for Gyms and Recreational Facilities are lifted or partially lifted.
2. If restrictions are placed on capacity (both in and out of water), you must abide by these restrictions.
3. All facilities must complete the Pre-Operational Checklist for Recreational Bathing Facilities (available on our website) and submit for review to this department prior to opening.  
<https://tinyurl.com/mcohsrecbathing>
4. Pools and Spas should be uncovered, water cleared, and maintenance completed as necessary. All necessary repairs should be addressed as needed prior to opening.
5. Lab samples must be taken and results provided to this department prior to opening.
6. All facilities should obtain their local electrical inspections and or Bonding and Grounding certifications prior to opening.
7. Once the restrictions are lifted, upon availability we will conduct an operational inspection. You will be expected to be in full compliance with the NJ State Recreational Bathing Code NJAC 8:26. If you are found to be in non-compliance necessary enforcement action will be taken.

Please take the time in the current state of closure to make sure all facilities are cleaned and up to code and in compliance with NJAC 8:26, including but not limited to deck areas, fencing, and pump room storage. Also make sure all necessary equipment is on site.

Any additional information that is provided in the future along with this document will be posted to our website at <http://www.middlesexcountynj.gov/Government/Departments/PSH/Pages/Office-of-Health-Services.aspx>

If you have any questions you can call our Main Office at 732-745-3100 and ask for an Inspections Division Supervisor.

Thank You.

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